

THE COST OF LIVING

16 BILLIONS OF DOLLARS SPENT ANNUALLY IN UNITED STATES.

THE CITY VS. THE COUNTRY

Unequal Distribution of Business Works a Hardship Upon Many, and Retards Growth of Agricultural Towns.

Statistics as to the cost of living are ever interesting to the economist. It is estimated that only 29 per cent. of the people of the United States reside in large cities. It is claimed about \$19,000,000,000 are spent each year by the 88,000,000 people in the union for clothing, food and luxuries. If 71 per cent. reside in rural towns and farming sections, it stands to reason that the percentage of money paid for necessities of life is 71 per cent. of the vast sum of nearly \$19,000,000,000 annually expended. These figures open up a wide field for study of economic conditions.

For sake of illustration, let it be estimated that in the large cities the cost of living is 50 per cent. more than in the country towns and farming districts, which would still leave approximately 60 per cent. of all spent for food and clothes credited to the people living outside the larger cities. Then it is found that the amount rural residents spend annually is \$11,800,000,000. But do the profits on this vast amount of business remain in the rural districts? Do the merchants in those 65,000 country towns receive the patronage of the people who are residents of the districts? A conservative estimate is that one-third of all this vast trade goes to the 415 large cities, wherein reside only 20 per cent. of the population. Were the profits on the trade that belongs properly to the country towns kept within them and within their districts, in the course of a dozen years their wealth would be increased nearly 100 per cent. But the drifting of the business to the large cities not alone makes the country towns poorer and retards their advancement, but necessitates alike drifting of the population of the country toward the thickly populated cities on account of the lack of industries to afford employment. Herein is found the cause of the complaints of students in economic conditions of the tendency of the country-bred youths to drift toward the large cities, and explains the cause. The country residents are the ones to be blamed for such conditions. It is a lack of appreciation of home enterprise, and the desire to trade in the large towns that is the cause.

The sending away of dollars assists the great combinations to control manufacturing, financial affairs, and all lines of industry, and even the trusts are tightening their grips on the farms, controlling the prices of commodities that the farmers must have, and dictating the prices at which he shall sell all his products, as with the destruction of the business of the rural towns, the home market is made poorer, and in fact even before the small town merchant can supply the people living within the town with products that are produced in the immediate neighborhood, the trusts must have their "profit" out of the transaction. Reader, do you know a remedy that can be applied that will give a more equitable distribution of business and of the earnings of the people? Do you not think that the home trade and the building up of home industries plan might bring about the desired results?

D. M. CARR.

Josh Wise Says

"I've allus noticed in perticler th' lots of men with fortunes left 'em an' who never worked a lick in their life are about th' first t' give advice on how t' be successful."

Need of Good Schools.

Intelligence is the distinguishing mark between the savage and civilized man. Education is one of the greatest of God's blessings, and ignorance a curse. In America there exists no valid reason why every man, woman and child of normal brain should not have an education. There is no phase of life where knowledge is not necessary. In the most progressive communities is where the superior schools are found. Help along your town and help along education in general. By affording your children a chance for a good education, you offer them riches that cannot be measured by dollars. Because education is capital that cannot be destroyed; it is ready cash in hand, assets that one cannot be robbed of only by an act of Providence.

No Country for Tobacco Users.

In Abyssinia it is considered a crime to smoke. The law forbidding tobacco was at first intended to prevent priests from smoking in church; but it was taken too literally, and nowadays even foreigners have to be careful not to be seen smoking.

GREAT SCHEME.



"Are you still troubled by your neighbor's chickens?" asked one man of another.

"Not a bit," was the answer. "They are kept shut up now."

"How did you manage it?"

"Why, every night I put a lot of eggs in the grass very carefully, and every morning, when my neighbor was looking, I went out and brought them in."

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Not a Reformer.

"I should think you could easily show the errors of your political opponents."

"Perhaps," answered Senator Sorghum, "but if I should convince them they would simply adopt my suggestions without giving me any credit for them. The opposition's mistakes are a part of my capital."

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A Lost Art.

A Richmond housekeeper had occasion many times to employ a certain odd character of the town known as Aunt Cecilia Cromwell.

The old woman had not been seen in the vicinity of the house for a long time until recently, when the lady of the house said to her:

"Good morning, Aunt Cecilia. Why aren't you washing nowadays?"

"It's dis way, Miss Annie," replied Aunt Cecilia, indulgently, "I's been out o' wuhk so long dat now when I could wuhk I finds I's done lost mah taste fo' it."—Lippincott's.

Sheer white goods, in fact, any fine wash goods when new, owe much of their attractiveness to the way they are laundered, this being done in a manner to enhance their textile beauty. Home laundering would be equally satisfactory if proper attention was given to starching, the first essential being good Starch, which has sufficient strength to stiffen, without thickening the goods. Try Defiance Starch and you will be pleasantly surprised at the improved appearance of your work.

Not the Residence.

A South Side household recently employed a domestic who is a native of Norway. The other day Frda answered a telephone for the first time.

"Is this Mrs. Browning's residence?" asked a voice over the wire.

"No'm," was the surprising answer, "it's her help."—Kansas City Times.

Who Likes Lemon Pie?

You should try at once "OUR-PIE" Preparation for delicious Lemon pies. A lady says: "I will never again try to make Lemon pie in the old way while I can get 'OUR-PIE' Preparation." Try it and you will say the same. At grocers, 10 cents.

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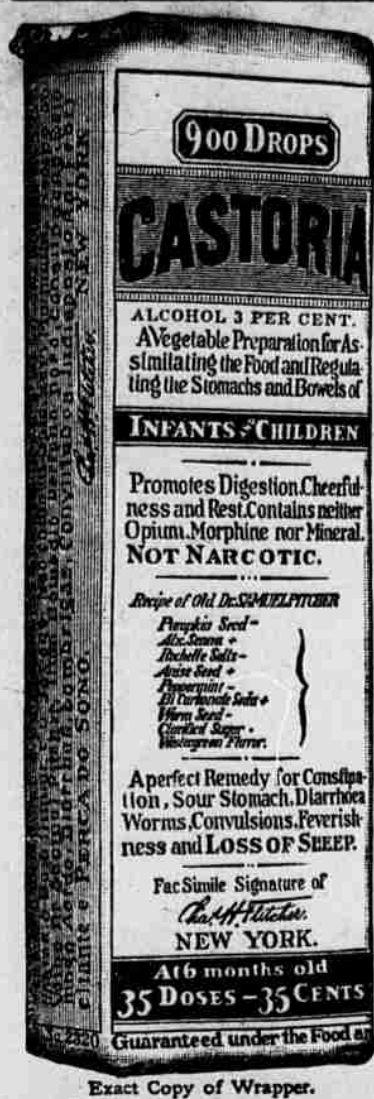
The Edmonton firemen are complaining about people sending in alarms from the new boxes by trying to post letters in them. A young fellow was noticed the other day gazing lovingly at a letter as he stood on the street corner. After fondling it for a moment, he went up to a fire alarm box and tried to get it inside. A passer-by, who had been watching him, however, intervened: "I know your heart's on fire," he observed, "but I think you had better use the box at the next corner."

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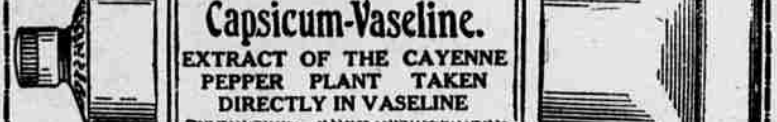
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